

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 601

By Sontany

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kim and Ken Millwood of Hamilton, New Zealand, for their hospitality in hosting exchange student Emily Caldwell.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable persons who contribute to the learning experiences of others, selflessly giving of themselves to enhance relations among cultures worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Kim and Ken Millwood of Hamilton, New Zealand, are two such estimable individuals who are graciously opening their home to student and Tennessean Emily Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, the Millwoods and Emily have been brought together through AFS-USA, an exchange program which sends more than 1,500 students to more than forty countries each year; the program works toward a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities through a global volunteer partnership; and

WHEREAS, though Emily is extremely close to her family, especially her mother, she is an adventurous soul who is always open to a new challenge; she will bravely take on the opportunity to broaden her horizons by moving to New Zealand for a few months, an adventure she will undertake this July; and

WHEREAS, Emily will no doubt represent her community, her State, her nation, and AFS with distinction; she is certainly most grateful to the Millwoods for allowing her to be a part of their family and the New Zealand culture during the time that she will be gleaning rich lessons as a member of their household; and

WHEREAS, Kim and Ken Millwood have gone above and beyond good citizenship and have crossed cultural and national barriers by opening their arms to one of Tennessee's finest young citizens, and they deserve to be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby thank Kim and Ken Millwood for their hospitality in hosting Emily Caldwell as part of the AFS-USA exchange program and extend to the Millwoods and Emily our best wishes for a successful and enriching experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.